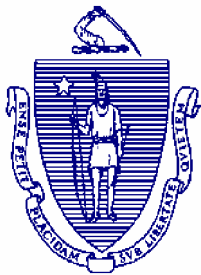


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, March 2007



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board Training Grant

Application Deadline: March 9, 2007

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) and the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (SETB) are pleased to announce the availability of funding through a new program: The SETB Training Grant. Through this program governmental entities hosting primary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) are eligible to receive reimbursement for training-related costs associated with the 9-1-1 system. Eligible awards are based on a rounded formula of 9-1-1 calls received and population served, with a minimum award of \$5,000.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding

GHSB 2006-2007 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through Summer 2007

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB), a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety within the Office of Grants and Research, is announcing the open enrollment of high visibility traffic enforcement grants for local police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." Join more than 200 local police departments currently part of this grant program which began in December 2006 and continues through Labor Day 2007.

For more information: www.mass.gov/ghsb

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2007 Technical Assistance for State and Local Data Collection on Human Trafficking Statistics Solicitation

Application Deadline: March 29, 2007

“The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks a technical assistance provider for the development and implementation of a data collection protocol for state and local criminal justice information on human trafficking offenders. Specific data of interest include the number and demographic characteristics of persons engaged in severe forms of human trafficking and the number of “investigations, arrests, prosecutions, and incarcerations” of human trafficking offenders.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/taht07sol.htm>

Teens, Crime, and the Community

Application Deadline: April 1, 2007

“The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) will award grants of up to \$500 each to support service learning projects planned and implemented by youth who identify needs and create projects to address or prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse in their schools and communities for National & Global Youth Service Day on April 20-22, 2007. These grants are intended to encourage and promote crime prevention, community service, and civic responsibility. Projects must be youth-led and address or be designed to prevent crime, violence, or drug abuse in a school or community.”

For more information: http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc_cms/NCPC-TCC%20Grant%20Application%20for%20National%20%20Global%20Youth%20Service%20Day.pdf

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Conducted Energy Devices (CED): Development of Standards for Consistency and Guidance

The Police Executive Research Forum, with funding from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), recently released this report which marks the first step in providing guidance to the field to help bring consistency and a better understanding of conducted energy devices. The report includes a glossary of CED terms along with recommended national policy guidelines to help law enforcement develop policies and make judgments about how and when to use CEDs to protect themselves and the public. The report also describes CEDs and how they work, discusses concerns that have arisen about the devices, and summarizes related research.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CED_Standards.pdf

National Drug Control Strategy, 2007

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has released President Bush's 2007 National Drug Control Strategy. This annual report details the President's strategy against illegal drugs, including support for programs that stop drug use before it starts, treatment for drug users, and strategies to disrupt the illegal drug market. ONDCP presents this National Drug Control Strategy as a guide for next steps and a call to continued action by individuals and organizations that fight drug abuse in our communities.

Access full text at: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/policy/ndcs07/>

Digital Evidence in the Courtroom: A Guide for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors

To assist prosecutorial offices and associated law enforcement agencies, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has developed a series of guides dealing with digital evidence to address the investigation process. This process expands from the crime scene, through analysis, and eventually to the courtroom. The first few chapters of this guide inform crime scene investigators and other handlers about legal requirements for the handling of digital evidence. The remaining chapters provide guidelines for successful prosecution.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/211314.htm>

Tool Kit for Creating Your Own Truancy Reduction Program

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) developed this guide to examine critical components of truancy programs, such as family involvement, use of incentives and sanctions, developing a support network, and program evaluation. The guide includes an overview of truancy and truancy programs, best-practices, and a review of model programs.

Access full text at: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/truancy_toolkit.html

Prescription Drugs Facts & Figures

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) recently updated their facts and figures on prescription drugs. The Facts and Figures are online resources which contain drug-related data from a variety of Federal studies. The data examined provide information on extent of use, health effects, treatment, arrest and sentencing, and production and trafficking.

Access full text at: http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/prescrptn_drugs/index.html

Conferences and Trainings

Workshop Schedule for FY 2007 Assistance to Firefighter Grants

Various locations from February 7 - March 15, 2007

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Each year the AFG regional staff conducts hundreds of workshops nationwide to provide up-to-date AFG grant information to applicants. Beginning at the end of January and continuing through March of 2007, workshops will be held around the country to explain this competitive grant program to fire service personnel. Interested fire department representatives are invited to attend. Information will be presented on the program and the application process. There is no admittance charge to any AFG workshop. Click on the link below for a schedule of workshops, including points of contact.

For more information: www.firegrantsupport.com

34th National Conference on Juvenile Justice

March 4-7, 2007 in San Diego, CA

The 34th National Conference on Juvenile Justice is sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National District Attorneys' Association. This conference provides cutting-edge training on dozens of topics related to juvenile and family courts. It is open to a wide range of professionals and those who work with youth.

For more information: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/733/315/>

Probation and Parole Symposium

March 16, 2007 in Boston, MA

The New England School of Law's New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement is presenting this year's Symposium on probation and parole. The Symposium will consist of the following panels: Massachusetts probation and parole overview, practitioner's perspectives, policy creation and implementation, and working with sexual offenders. Lecturers from various fields will be presenting, including: members of the Massachusetts Parole and Sex Offender Registry Boards, Massachusetts Probation Services, lawyers, judges, and State legislators. All interested participants are welcome to attend.

For more information: <http://www.nesl.edu/journal/symposium/07/>

Youth Crime Prevention Conference and International Forum

March 21-24, 2007 in Denver, CO

This youth crime prevention event is sponsored by Youth Crime Watch of America, Denver Safe City, BJA, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Youth, their adult counterparts, and other practitioners will be given the opportunity to participate in: a Town Meeting, the Youth Exploring Solutions Forum, 69 workshops, six professional development seminars, four intensive institutes, and four proven and promising practices briefings. All participants will have the opportunity to voice their recommendations for policy makers on reducing crime, violence and drugs.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

Innovations in Justice, Information Sharing Strategies and Best Practices

March 27-29, 2007 in Minneapolis, MN

June 4-6, 2007 in Jacksonville, FL

This Bureau of Justice Assistance conference will help participants explore, and better understand how to plan, manage, and implement technology solutions for information sharing systems. Experts will discuss the latest innovative solutions in justice and public safety information sharing, including key developments in: information sharing policy, privacy and security, coordinating broad-based information sharing initiatives, U.S. Department of Justice Global Justice XML Data Model implementation, and latest technologies and standards.

For more information: <http://www.search.org/conferences/2006reginfosharing/>

Mapping and Analysis for Public Safety (MAPS)

March 28-31, 2007 in Pittsburg, PA

This National Institute of Justice crime mapping conference will focus on the use and development of methodologies for practitioners and researchers. During the conference events, participants will discuss a range of issues including policy decisions, research methods to identify and dispel hot spots, and other applied practice solutions. The focus of the conference is on the study of society and elements of mapping technology that contribute to both crime and justice.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/>

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center's Second Annual Benefit Walk

April 1, 2007 in Boston, MA

April is sexual assault awareness month and this year's theme is 'Supporting Survivors, Ending Rape, One Step at a Time'. All proceeds from the second annual benefit walk support the BARCC's free community services. Every dollar raised helps BARCC to continue to provide free services for all. This year's route starts/finishes at Canal Park next to CambridgeSide Galleria, and is a 5K loop along the Boston and Cambridge sides of the Charles.

For more information: <http://www.firstgiving.com/barcc>

Restorative Justice Workshop

April 14, 2007 in Boston, MA

This Restorative Justice Workshop, at Northeastern University Law School, will feature David Lerman and Tom Reed, from Milwaukee's Community Conferencing Program, which is one of the first successful restorative justice programs in a high crime, urban area of the country. The event will give legal professionals in Massachusetts a primer on restorative justice practices, its applications in the criminal justice setting, and the nuts and bolts of creating a successful restorative justice program in an urban setting.

To register, contact Yael Shy at 617-960-6271 or shy.y@neu.edu.

2007 Victim Rights Conference

April 26, 2007 in Boston, MA

The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) is pleased to announce the Annual Massachusetts Victim Rights Conference. This conference brings together survivors, victim service and criminal justice professionals, elected officials, and legislators, among others for a day of inspiration, networking, exhibits and awards. This year, opening remarks will be given by Governor Deval Patrick, First Lady Diane Patrick, and Attorney General Martha Coakley. A collaborative art exhibit will be featured, titled Violence Transformed, which will examine violence and its impact, commemorate victims, foster healing, and imagine alternatives.

For more information: www.mass.gov/mova

Young Children and Violence: Lessons from the Past, Hopes for the Future

May 7, 2007 in Boston, MA

The Child Witness to Violence Project (CWVP) is a counseling, advocacy, and outreach project that focuses on the growing number of young children who are hidden victims of violence: children who are bystanders to community and domestic violence. There is a \$40 registration fee and registration is limited to 200 participants.

For more information: <http://www.childwitnessstoviolence.org/>

In The News

In New Job, Burke Again Aims at Crime

***The Boston Globe*, February 4, 2007**

According to an article in *The Boston Globe*, Kevin Burke made a name for himself as Essex County's top prosecutor by protecting the rights of crime victims, providing alternative punishment for youthful offenders, and devising crime prevention strategies. Now he is serving as Secretary of Public Safety, which involves overseeing the work of all public safety agencies in the State. Burke is the point person for advancing the governor's public safety agenda which includes a variety of topics.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/02/04/in_new_job_burke_again_aims_at_crime/?page=2

As Qualified Police Prospects Drop, Boston Begins Ad Drive

***The Boston Globe*, February 19, 2007**

The Boston Police Department will launch a recruiting campaign, counting on advertisements and billboards to reverse a troubling downturn in the number and quality of applicants, according to *The Boston Globe*. The unique advertising campaign features current officers working with youths, taking crime-scene photos, and performing other duties with the slogan, "Many Jobs, One Career, Boston's Future". Police Commissioner Edward Davis said the campaign will focus on attracting more candidates from diverse backgrounds, candidates with language skills, and a higher quality pool of candidates.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/02/19/police_to_launch_recruiting_campaign/

Study Looks at Prison Suicides

***The Republican*, February 22, 2007**

According to *The Republican*, an independent study, commissioned by the State Department of Corrections, found serious limitations in the State's handling of inmates at-risk of committing suicide. The study was conducted as a result of an increase in prisoner suicide over the last few years. The report contains 29 recommendations including more training for staff and guards, increased screening of inmates for suicide risk, and making all cells as suicide resistant as possible.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/springfield/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-7/11721343753920.xml&coll=1>

Gang Expert Calls for National Commitment to Problem

***Crime and Justice News*, February 26, 2007**

According to *Crime and Justice News*, in testimony to Congress, an authority on gang violence called for a new approach and national commitment to confronting the problem. David Kennedy gave testimony before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security and called for direct engagement with gangs by local partnerships of law enforcement, social service providers, and communities. He said a new way of thinking and acting is needed to address the gang violence problem.

Access full text at: <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/kennedy/testimonycongress.pdf>

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